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FOLLOWING IS THE OPENING STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG
AT HIS 8:00 A.M. PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY RESIDENCE
IN PORT-AU-PRINCE, AUGUST 15:

"I COME HERE THIS MORNING TO SHARE WITH YOU THE CONCERNS OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. OUR STATEMENT IS NOT SO MUCH A
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JUDGEMENT ON YOU OR YOUR COUNTRY BUT IN A SENSE A JUDGEMENT
OF OURSELVES. FOR IT HAS TAKEN US ALMOST TWO HUNDRED YEARS
TO REALIZE CERTAIN THINGS ABOUT LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT
OF HAPPINESS. WE ATTEMPTED, I THINK, FOR MUCH OF THAT PERIOD
A COMPROMISE ON OUR BASIC PRINCIPLES, AND FOR ALMOST HALF
OF OUR HISTORY THOSE PRINCIPLES AND CONCERNS WERE DENIED TO
PEOPLE WHO WERE BLACK. FOR EVEN LONGER WE DID NOT

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UNDERSTAND THE FULL IMPLICATION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES FOR
WOMEN IN OUR SOCIETY. IN OUR PURSUIT OF WEALTH AND POWER,
WE TOOK FOR GRANTED BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. AND I THINK WE
NEGLECTED THEM TO OUR OWN PERIL. FOR IN THE PAST DECADE
WE FOUND THIS GOVERNMENT OF WHICH WE ARE SO PROUD HAVING BEEN
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION OF AND PROPPING UP OF MANY OF
THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS AND MOST CORRUPTED GOVERNMENTS
OF THE WORLD. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOUND THEIR TAX DOLLARS
FOR WHICH THEY WORKED VERY HARD GOING ABROAD ONLY TO MAKE THE
RICH RICHER AND ESSENTIALLY NOT CONTRIBUTING VERY MUCH TO THE
POOREST OF THE POOR. WE FOUND MILITARY ASSISTANCE CREATING
MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS THAT IMPRISONED THEIR OWN CITIZENS
AND DENIED THEM ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, ALL LEGAL PROCESSES. WE
HEARD STORIES OF OUR ALLIES, VERY WELL DOCUMENTED, OF SAVAGE
PRACTICES OF TORTURE. WE OURSELVES IN VIETNAM CONTRIBUTED
TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ALMOST AN ENTIRE REGION. AND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE IN 1976 IN THE ELECTION OF JIMMY CARTER AS
PRESIDENT SAID: 'NO MORE*' THAT WE WOULD USE THE RESSOURCES
AT OUR COMMAND TO HELP THE POOR, TO BRING FREEDOM IN THE WORLD,
AND HOPEFULLY TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTENDING THE KIND OF
HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD THAT WE HAVE COME TO FEEL ARE
THE VERY ESSENCE OF OUR SOCIETY, THE BASIS OF OUR SUCCESS
AND ALSO THE INSPIRATION FOR OUR FUTURE. I AM HERE IN
HAITI SIMPLY TO SHARE THAT MESSAGE WITH THE PEOPLE AND WITH
THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF OVERTLY
INTERFERING OR THROUGH CLANDESTINE ACTIONS ENCOURAGING EFFORTS
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THAT GO AGAINST YOUR GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES, WHATEVER THEY
MAY BE. BUT WE DO INTEND TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE THAT
IMPRISONMENT OF THE VOICES OF FREEDOM AND DIGNITY AMONG THE
SOCIETY, DENYING THEM ACCESS TO THEIR FAMILIES, TREATING THEM WITH
BRUTALITY, DOES NOT DO ANYTHING TO FURTHER THE GROWTH AND
DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTRY. IN FACT IT CONTRIBUTES ULTIMATELY
TO ITS DOWNFALL. WE WOULD HOPE THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI
WOULD AVAIL HERSELF TO THE INTERAMERICAN COMMISSION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THAT THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN ESPOUSED
BY THE PRESIDENT MIGHT FIND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE
IN IMPLEMENTATION, SO THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI COULD BECOME
AN IMMEDIATE REALITY, AND THAT YOU WOULD NOT HAVE TO SUFFER
THE 200 YEAR STRUGGLE THAT WE DID. FOR THE BARRIERS THAT WE
EXPERIENCED ON THE BASIS OF RACE ARE EQUALLY AS TRAGIC WHEN
THEY ARE EXPERIENCED ON THE BASIS OF CLASS OR WHEN THE URBAN
POPULATION IS ATTENDED TO AND THE RURAL POPULATION NEGLECTED.
YEATERDAY WE WERE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE PRESIDENT
OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TOLD US THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION
TO SIGN THE CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. AND THAT WHILE THEY
TOO ARE NOT PERFECT, THEY ACCEPTED THE IDEALS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES AND WERE PLEDGED TO WORK IN THAT

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DIRECTION. I THINK THAT WE ALSO SEE HUMAN RIGHTS, IN ADDITION
TO THE RIGHT TO VOTE, THE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH, THE RIGHT
OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION AS SIMPLY THE RIGHT TO EAT. FOR THE
BASIC ECONOMIC RIGHT TO SURVIVAL HAS TO BE CONSIDERED AS THE
MOST FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT AND IN ORDER FOR THAT RIGHT TO
BE REALIZED, THEN EVERY HONEST ATTEMPT TO SHARE THE EXISTING
WEALTH AND RESSOURCES HAS TO BE UTILIZED AND THAT THOSE WHO
HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE AUTHORITY OF FEEDING THE HUNGRY
NECESSARILY MUST BE THE ONES WHO BY THEIR OWN SACRIFICE
THEIR OWN DEDICATION AND THEIR OWN HONESTY SEE TO IT THAT
THE HUNGRY ARE FED, AND THAT THE SICK ARE HEALED, AND THAT
THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF EDUCATION BE BROUGHT
INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF MODERN INTELLECTUAL LIFE. WE KNOW THAT
THESE ARE AMBITIOUS GOALS BUT WE PLEDGE OURSELVES NOT ONLY
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FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NOT ONLY TO THE WESTERN
HEMISPHERE, BUT WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO WORK WITH OUR FRIENDS
AND OUR ADVERSARIES ALIKE TO PROTECT THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF
THE ORDINARY PEOPLE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE. WHAT MARTIN LUTHER
KING USED TO CALL 'THE LEAST OF THESE OUR BRETHREN' AND
WE WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE HAITIAN
GOVERNMENT AND OF THE HAITIAN PEOPLE AS WE ATTEMPT TO MAKE
THIS ENTIRE WORLD A MORE CIVILIZED PLACE. THANK YOU VERY
MUCH." END QUOTES.
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